

What is claimed is:

1 1. A wire grid polarizer with double metal layers,
2 comprising:

3 a transparent substrate;

4 an array of parallel and elongated dielectric layers formed
5 on the transparent substrate, wherein the dielectric
6 layers have a period and a trench is located between
7 adjacent dielectric layers;

8 a first metal layer having a first thickness formed in the
9 trench; and

10 a second metal layer having a second thickness and a width
11 formed on each dielectric layer, wherein the first
12 and second metal layers are separated by a vertical
13 distance;

14 wherein the period is not greater than 250nm;

15 wherein the first thickness is not greater than 150nm and
16 is equal to the second thickness;

17 wherein the vertical distance is not greater than 100nm;

18 wherein the ratio of the width to the period is in a range
19 of 25~75%.

1 2. The wire grid polarizer according to claim 1, wherein
2 the transparent substrate is exposed in the trench.

1 3. The wire grid polarizer according to claim 1, wherein
2 a remaining dielectric layer is formed on a bottom of the trench.

1 4. The wire grid polarizer according to claim 1, wherein
2 a thickness of the transparent substrate is 500~1500nm.

1 5. The wire grid polarizer according to claim 4, wherein
2 the transparent substrate is a glass or plastic substrate.

1 6. The wire grid polarizer according to claim 1, wherein
2 the dielectric layers are PMMA (polymethylmethacrylate) layers.

1 7. The wire grid polarizer according to claim 1, wherein
2 the first metal layer is an Au, Ag, Cu or Al layer.

1 8. The wire grid polarizer according to claim 1, wherein
2 the second metal layer is an Au, Ag, Cu or Al layer.

1 9. The wire grid polarizer according to claim 1, wherein
2 the first and second metal layers comprise the same material.

1 10. The wire grid polarizer according to claim 1, further
2 comprising:
3 a protective layer formed on the first and second metal
4 layers.

1 11. The wire grid polarizer according to claim 10, wherein
2 the protective layer is a SiO₂, SiN or SiON layer.

1 12. The wire grid polarizer according to claim 1, wherein
2 the period is in a range of 10~250nm.

1 13. The wire grid polarizer according to claim 1, wherein
2 the first or second thickness is in a range of 30~150nm.

1 14. The wire grid polarizer according to claim 1, wherein
2 the vertical distance is in a range of 10~100nm.

1 15. A wire grid polarizer with double metal layers,
2 comprising:

3 a transparent substrate;
4 an array of parallel and elongated dielectric layers formed
5 on the transparent substrate, wherein the dielectric
6 layers have a period and a trench is located between
7 adjacent dielectric layers;
8 a first metal layer having a first thickness formed in the
9 trench; and
10 a second metal layer having a second thickness and a width
11 formed on each of the dielectric layers, wherein a
12 vertical distance is between the first and second
13 metal layers;
14 wherein the period is in a range of 10~250nm;
15 wherein the first thickness is in a range of 30~150nm and
16 is equal to the second thickness;
17 wherein the vertical distance is in a range of 10~100nm;
18 wherein the ratio of the width to the period is in a range
19 of 25~75%.

1 16. The wire grid polarizer according to claim 15, wherein
2 the transparent substrate is exposed in the trench.

1 17. The wire grid polarizer according to claim 15, wherein
2 a remaining dielectric layer is formed on a bottom of the trench.

1 18. A method of forming a wire grid polarizer with double
2 metal layers, comprising the steps of:
3 providing a transparent substrate;
4 forming an array of parallel and elongated dielectric layers
5 on the transparent substrate, wherein the dielectric
6 layers have a period and a trench is located between
7 adjacent dielectric layers;

8 forming a first metal layer having a first thickness in
9 the trench; and
10 forming a second metal layer having a second thickness and
11 a width on each dielectric layer, wherein the first
12 and second metal layers are separated by a vertical
13 distance;
14 wherein the period is in a range of 10~250nm;
15 wherein the first thickness is in a range of 30~150nm and
16 is equal to the second thickness;
17 wherein the vertical distance is in a range of 10~100nm;
18 wherein the ratio of the width to the period is in a range
19 of 25~75%.

1 19. The method according to claim 18, the transparent
2 substrate is exposed in the trench.

1 20. The method according to claim 18, wherein a remaining
2 dielectric layer is formed on a bottom of the trench.

1 21. The method according to claim 18, further comprising
2 the step of:
3 forming a protective layer on the first and second metal
4 layers.

1 22. The method according to claim 18, wherein the
2 dielectric layers are formed by photolithography or nanoimprint.